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FOR THE SECRETARY AND SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI; JERUSALEM FOR USDEL

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: WEIZMAN'S VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE

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1. EZER WEIZMAN TELEPHONED ME AT 1830 JAN 22. SAID HE WAS LEAVING GENERAL TAMIR IN PLACE IN CAIRO AND THAT GAMASY SEEMED PLEASED. CONTRARY TO MY PRESUMPTION IN LAST SENTENCE OF REFTEL, WEIZMAN HOPES HE MAY YET GET BACK TO CAIRO BEFORE HE GOES TO THE U.S. HE CAN DELAY HIS DEPARTURE AS LATE AS SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 28, AND STILL KEEP HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON JAN 31. WEIZMAN SAID THE CABINET HAD DECIDED THAT IF NECESSARY PRIORITY SHOULD GO TO A RETURN TO CAIRO, EVEN AT THE COST OF A SLIGHT DELAY IN GETTING TO WASHINGTON.

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2. WEIZMAN CONFIRMED THAT BEGIN WILL MAKE SPEECH TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT KNESSET IN REBUTTAL OF SADAT'S SPEECH, WHICH HAD NOT GONE DOWN WELL HERE. BUT HE HOPED EGYPTIAN REACTION WOULD BE MEASURED ENOUGH TO PERMIT CABINET ON TUESDAY TO AUTHORIZE HIS RETURN TO CAIRO. NEITHER OF US IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.

3. ATHERTON AND I WILL REVIEW BIDDING WITH WEIZMAN AT HIS
REQUEST LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON. ANY GUIDANCE FOR MEETING
SHOULD REACH ME IN JERUSALEM NO LATER THAN 1600 LOCAL JAN
23 (0900 WASHINGTON TIME). (WE HAVE MEETING SET WITH DAYAN
EARLIER - AT 1130 LOCAL). LEWIS

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